

REMARKS

I. Response to Rejections under 35 USC 103(a)

At page 2-8, items 5 through 19 of the Office Action, claims 1-5, 7-13, and 15-19 are rejected as being unpatentable over “Root” (US patent number 5,600,781) in view of “Janay” (US patent number 5,831,608). The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection since the cited references do not teach all of the limitations of the Applicant’s claims. More particularly, the cited references, taken either singly or combination therewith, do not teach, suggest, or mention a method for providing a personalized user environment on a computing system that includes “obtaining profile information stored on the user-supplied storage media, wherein the profile information is passwords for various Internet sites”, as recited in amended independent claims 1 and 9. Nor do the cited references teach a computing system that includes a profile configuration program that detects user interactions that result in changes to the profile information “wherein the profile information is passwords for various Internet sites”, as recited in amended independent claim 17.

In Root, a method and apparatus for creating a portable personalized operating environment is disclosed. Root discloses a personality database that is easily transportable among computer systems such that once a user sets up their personality profile, that personality profile can easily be transferred from one computer system to another. In Root, a flash memory card is used to store the personality data. However, Root includes no teaching, suggestion, or mention of storing profile information “wherein the profile information is passwords for various Internet sites”, as recited in amended independent claims 1, 9, and 17.

In Janay, an enhanced user interface for a remote terminal that includes a technique of allowing users to define the order in which data is entered, define what particular function keys represent, and to display certain fields in a customized manner is disclosed. However, Janay includes no teaching, suggestion, or mention of storing profile information “wherein the profile information is passwords for various Internet sites”, as recited in amended independent claims 1, 9, and 17.

When taken together, the combination of Root and Janay does not disclose, suggest, or otherwise make obvious storing profile information "wherein the profile information is passwords for various Internet sites", as recited in amended independent claims 1, 9, and 17. Since this element is missing from both references, the combination cannot bring forth the missing element.

Accordingly, as neither reference discloses, teaches, or otherwise makes obvious the missing element, the Applicants respectfully request that Examiner withdraw the rejection and pass the case onto allowance.


As these amendment merely narrow the subject matter that the Applicant regards as the invention, it is not believed that these amendments will necessitate a new search.

II. Additional Fees

It is not believed that additional fees are due at this time; however, if any additional fee is required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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